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September 8, 2006

TO:

Members of the MAG Regional Council Executive Committee and

Members of the Building Lease Working Group

FROM:

Mayor James M. Cavanaugh, City of Goodyear, Chair and

Mayor Keno Hawker, City of Mesa

SUBJECT:

MEETING NOTIFICATION AND TRANSMITTAL OF TENTATIVE AGENDA FOR THE

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LEASE WORKING GROUP

Monday, September 18, 2006 - 12:00 noon

MAG Office, Suite 200 - Cholla Room

302 North Ist Avenue, Phoenix

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A joint meeting of the MAG Regional Council Executive Committee and the Building Lease Working Group (BLWG) has been scheduled for the time and place noted above. Members of the Committee and the Working Group may attend the meeting either in person, by telephone conference, or by video conference.

If you have any questions regarding the Executive Committee agenda items, please contact Mayor James Cavanaugh at (623) 882-7782. For the BLWG, please contact Mayor Keno Hawker at (480) 644-2388. For MAG staff, please contact Dennis Smith, MAG Executive Director, at (602) 254-6300.

#### **TENTATIVE AGENDA**

#### 1. Call to Order

The meetings of the Executive Committee and the Building Lease Working Group (BLWG) will be called to order.

#### 2. Call to the Audience

An opportunity will be provided to members of the public to address the Executive Committee and the Building Lease Working Group (BLWG) on items not scheduled on the agenda that fall under the jurisdiction of MAG, or on items on the agenda for discussion but not for action. Members of the public will be requested not to exceed a three minute time period for their comments. A total of 15 minutes will be provided for the Call to the Audience agenda item, unless the Executive Committee or the BLWG requests an exception to this limit. Please note that those wishing to comment on action agenda items will be given an opportunity at the time the item is heard.

#### COMMITTEE ACTION REQUESTED

2. Information and discussion.

### ITEMS PROPOSED TO BE HEARD BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND THE BUILDING LEASE WORKING GROUP

#### 3. Update on the Regional Office Building

On July 17, 2006, the Executive Committee and BLWG participated in a bus tour of the Roosevelt neighborhood district and were provided an update on the progress of the Regional Office Center. Staff and a representative from Ryan Companies, Inc. will provide an update on the activities of the Regional Office Center to-date. In addition, RNL, the architect for the project, will provide an update on the Charrette and conceptual designs of the building, as well as the potential layout of the conference center.

4. Adjournment of the Building Lease Working Group

3. Information and discussion.

#### 5. Approval of Consent Agenda

Prior to action on the consent agenda, members of the audience will be provided an opportunity to comment on consent items that are being presented for action. Following the comment period, Committee members may request that an item be removed from the consent agenda. Consent items are marked with an asterisk (\*).

5. Approval of the Consent Agenda.

### ITEMS PROPOSED FOR CONSENT\* BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- \*5A. Approval of the July 17, 2006 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
- \*5B. Amendment of Valley Metro Rail Contract

The FY 2007 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget, approved by the Regional Council in May 2006, includes a work element to study the 58-mile light rail system configuration and how it will operate. Valley Metro Rail is responsible for this task. The MAG Travel Demand Model will be used to update the demand projections. A peer review of the model is being conducted in October 2006. Valley Metro Rail is requesting that the consultant who developed substantial parts of the model be involved in the peer review. This consultant would provide advice to Valley Metro Rail and MAG for any model refinements that may be recommended through the peer review process. It is proposed that the Valley Metro Rail contract be increased by \$15,000 to provide funding for the model consultant from PB Consult to participate in the peer review process. This item was recommended for approval by the Management Committee at the September 6, 2006 meeting. Please refer to the enclosed material.

\*5C. Consultant Selection for the MAG Air Quality Technical Assistance On-Call Services Request for Qualifications

> The FY 2007 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget includes potential consultant assistance for air quality planning and modeling activities. Consultant services may be needed to assist MAG in the preparation of the

- 5A. Review and approve the July 17, 2006 Executive Committee meeting minutes.
- 5B. Approval to amend the Valley Metro Rail contract to increase the budget by \$15,000 to have the MAG Travel Demand Model consultant from PB Consult participate in the peer review process.

5C. Approval of the following firms for the Air Quality Technical Assistance On-Call Services for an amount not to exceed \$250,000: E.H. Pechan and Associates be qualified in Air Quality Modeling; ENVIRON be qualified in Analysis of Control Measures, Air Quality Modeling, Implementation of Control Measures, Statistical Analysis of Data, Remote Sensing, Air Quality Plan

Five Percent Plan for PM-10 and Eight-Hour Ozone Plan due to the Environmental Protection Agency in 2007. A request for qualifications was advertised on July 2, 2006 for technical assistance including air quality modeling and the development of regional air quality plans. Twelve proposals were received by the August 1, 2006 deadline. On August 10, 2006, the consensus of the multi-jurisdictional evaluation team was to recommend to MAG consultants to perform the technical assistance. This item was recommended for approval by the Management Committee at the September 6, 2006 meeting. Please refer to the enclosed material.

\*5D. Approval to Amend the FY 2007 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget for MAG Travel Demand Model Consultant Assistance

In several MAG Regional Council Executive Committee meetings, the need for transportation and air quality modeling expertise has been discussed. On September 9, 2006, Mark Schlappi who has served for several years as the MAG System Analysis Program Manager, will be retiring. Due to the complexity of the tasks performed by this position, it is being recommended to continue to receive technical consulting assistance from Mr. Schlappi on an asneeded basis through the remainder of the fiscal year. Mr. Schlappi has the most experience and expertise with the MAG model, which is one of the most complex travel demand models in the nation. The MAG travel demand model will be the subject of a national peer review in October 2006. MAG is also transitioning the travel demand model from the EMME/2 modeling platform to TransCad. To ensure that the model peer review and the transition to the new modeling platform are completed as effectively and efficiently as possible, an associate contract with Mr. Schlappi is needed. The proposed contract would be for an amount not to exceed \$75,000. If approved, MAG federal funds would be allocated for this purpose.

\*5E. Recommendations to the Arizona Department of Transportation for the FTA Elderly and

Preparation, CMAQ Evaluation Methods, and Transportation Conformity; Sierra Research be qualified in Analysis of Control Measures, Air Quality Modeling, Implementation of Control Measures, Surveys and Emissions Inventories, Statistical Analysis of Data, Air Quality Plan Preparation, CMAQ Evaluation Methods, and Transportation Conformity; and that Technical & Business Systems be qualified in Analysis of Control Measures, Air Quality Modeling, Air Quality Monitoring and Meteorology, Statistical Analysis of Data, Remote Sensing, and Air Quality Plan Preparation.

5D. Approval to amend the FY 2007 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget to include an associate contract for travel demand modeling services not to exceed \$75,000.

5E. Approval to forward the priority listing of applicants for FTA Elderly and Persons with

#### <u>Persons with Disabilities Transportation</u> <u>Program's Auxiliary Applications</u>

In August 2006, the Arizona Department of Transportation notified MAG that additional accessible vans were available to agencies transporting elderly and persons with disabilities. These are in addition to the initial award approved by the MAG Regional Council in April 2006. MAG accepted applications for the vans until September 1, 2006. On September 5, 2006, the MAG FTA Elderly and Persons with Disabilities Transportation Ad Hoc Committee ranked the auxiliary applications for the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5310 funding. The Management Committee recommended forwarding the priority list of applicants at their September 6, 2006 meeting. Please refer to the enclosed material.

\*5F. Amendment to the FY 2007 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget to Shift Funding for Truck Classification Counts

The MAG FY 2007 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget includes a consultant project for an Internal Truck Travel Survey (\$350,000) and an Arterial Traffic Volume Survey/Traffic Count Map (\$110,000). As part of the model development phase of the Truck Travel Survey, it will be advantageous to have an extensive set of vehicle classification counts for model validation. It has been determined that it would be most cost-effective to perform additional classification counts for this purpose as part of the Arterial Traffic Volume Survey/Traffic Count Map project. In order to perform the additional classification counts, it is proposed that \$10,000 be shifted from the Truck Travel Survey to the Arterial Traffic Volume Survey/Traffic Count Map. This would revise the total funding for these projects to \$340,000 and \$120,000, respectively. It is estimated that the \$10,000 will provide an additional 130 classification count sites for use in truck model development and other traffic forecasting purposes. Please refer to the enclosed material.

Disabilities Transportation Program to the Arizona Department of Transportation.

5F. Approval to amend the FY 2007 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget to shift \$10,000 from the Internal Truck Travel Survey to the Arterial Traffic Volume Survey/Traffic Count Map.

### ITEMS TO BE HEARD BY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

6. Proposed Amendment to the FY 2007 Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget for the I-8/I-10 Hidden Valley Roadway Framework Study

MAG staff will provide an overview of the Interstates 8 and 10 Hidden Valley Roadway Framework Study. This study will assess the future demands for Interstates 8 and 10 in the western areas of Maricopa and Pinal Counties. An amendment to the FY 2007 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget is needed to increase the study budget by \$570,000, with the following agencies contributing to the study: Arizona Department of Transportation, \$100,000; Maricopa County Department of Transportation, \$200,000; Pinal County Public Works Department, \$150,000; Town of Buckeye, \$40,000; City of Goodyear, \$40,000; City of Maricopa, \$40,000. The increase will not require additional funds from MAG, and will be paid by the financial participation of the project partners identified above. This item was recommended for approval by the Management Committee at the September 6, 2006 meeting. Please refer to the enclosed material.

7. <u>Update on the Regional Planning Dialogue:</u>
Part II

The first Regional Planning Dialogue meeting was held in Casa Grande on March 23, 2006. On August 22, 2006, a second Regional Planning Dialogue meeting took place at the League of Arizona Cities and Towns 2006 Annual Conference in Tucson. Attendees included Councils of Governments (COG) directors, COG officers, elected officials and staff. Staff will provide an update to the Executive Committee on the outcomes of this meeting and potential next steps.

8. <u>Greater Dallas Planning Council Visit</u>

A representative from the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) is working 6. Approval of an amendment to the FY 2007 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget to increase the I-8/I-10 Hidden Valley Roadway Framework Study by \$570,000, with the following agencies contributing to the study: Arizona Department of Transportation, \$100,000; Maricopa County Department of Transportation, \$200,000; Pinal County Public Works Department, \$150,000; Town of Buckeye, \$40,000; City of Goodyear, \$40,000; City of Maricopa, \$40,000.

7. Information and discussion.

8. Information, discussion and possible action.

with the MAG staff on a visit of the Greater Dallas Planning Council to the MAG region on November 1-3, 2006. Attendees will include elected officials and business leaders from the North Central Texas region. The delegation is interested in comparing parallel experiences in areas such as transportation, transit, airports, sustainability and new urbanization, and government cooperation. Staff will discuss the draft itinerary and possible participation by the Regional Council.

#### 9. River of Trade Corridor Coalition

Following the recommendations agreed upon at the July 12, 2006 MAG Management Committee Meeting, staff attended the Annual Meeting for the River of Trade Corridor Coalition (ROTCC) that was held in Dallas, Texas on August 11, 2006. The ROTCC was created in 2004 to unite cities, counties, businesses and other transportation stakeholders along heavily traveled freeways and highways. The "River of Trade" freeway starts at Interstate 10 in Los Angeles and continues through Arizona and New Mexico before heading north at Dallas. Texas and ending in Ontario, Canada. The organization's goal is to examine ways to alleviate congestion while protecting and expanding the economic vitality of current roadways. Currently, the ROTCC includes more than 200 members spanning across nine states. An update will be provided.

#### 10. Adjournment

9. Information and discussion.

#### MINUTES OF THE

### MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS JOINT MAG REGIONAL COUNCIL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND BUILDING LEASE WORKING GROUP MEETING

July 17, 2006 MAG Offices

302 North 1st Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona

#### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS ATTENDING

Mayor James M. Cavanaugh, Goodyear, Chair Mayor Mary Manross, Scottsdale, Vice Chair

\* Mayor Joan Shafer, Surprise, Treasurer Mayor Steven M. Berman, Gilbert Mayor Keno Hawker, Mesa Mayor Thomas L. Schoaf, Litchfield Park Councilmember Peggy Neely, Phoenix

#### **BUILDING LEASE WORKING GROUP MEMBERS ATTENDING**

Mayor Keno Hawker, Mesa, Chair Mayor James M. Cavanaugh, Goodyear

\* Mayor Ron Clarke, Paradise Valley Frank Fairbanks, Manager, City of Phoenix

#### PARTNERING AGENCIES ATTENDING

\* Steve Olson, Arizona Municipal Water Users Authority David Boggs, Valley Metro Rick Simonetta, Valley Metro Rail

- \* Not present
- # Participated by videoconference or telephone conference call

The Roosevelt neighborhood bus tour began at approximately 11:30 a.m. Andie Abkarian narrated the tour. Some points of interest included the 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue street scape, the Gold Spot Market, Trinity Cathedral, Latham Residential, Japanese Friendship Garden, Irish Cultural Center and the Roosevelt Row Commons. The proposed project included Copper Point Condominiums, the mixed use homes on 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue Brownstones, Urban Form Loft Project, Guiding Star Lodge, Portland Place and Artisan Haus 80 unit project.

#### 1. <u>Call to Order</u>

The Executive Committee and Building Lease Working Group meeting was called to order by Chair Cavanaugh at 12:25 p.m. Chair Cavanaugh stated that transit tickets were available from Valley Metro for those using transit to come to the meeting. Parking validation was available from MAG staff for those who parked in the parking garage.

#### 2. Call to the Audience

Chair Cavanaugh noted that according to MAG's public comment process, members of the audience who wish to speak are requested to fill out the public comment cards. He stated that there is a three minute time limit. Public comment is provided at the beginning of the meeting for items that are not on the agenda that are within the jurisdiction of MAG, or non-action agenda items that are on the agenda for discussion or information only. Chair Cavanaugh stated that there were no public comment cards received.

#### 3. <u>Update on the Regional Office Building</u>

Ms. McClafferty provided an update on the regional office building. She stated that at the last meeting on June 12, 2006, the Executive Committee and BLWG approved entering into contracts for financial advisory and bond counsel service. In addition, the Committee authorized the Executive Director to sign a letter of indemnification with Kaye/Ryan for an amount not to exceed \$200,00 for pre-development costs, including preliminary architectural and interior design and structural engineering services. Ms. McClafferty reported that there have been ongoing communications with the Roosevelt Neighborhood, the Phoenix Downtown Partnership and the Phoenix Community Alliance. She noted that a letter was sent to the Neighborhood Association to introduce the project and the four regional agencies. The letter explained the purpose of each agency and how they would like to continue being part of the neighborhood. Ms. McClafferty reported that the contracts are being finalized and that schematic design meetings on the shell have begun.

Ms. McClafferty stated that a "meet and greet" was held on July 7, 2006 to introduce the partnering agencies and the consultants who will be working together on this project. She noted that staff has been working with partnering agencies to gather information for the developer and architects, such as: agency security, parking and IT needs. Initial meetings with the interior architect, FoRM Design, are being set with partnering agencies to discuss their space. In addition, bi-weekly meetings are being held with the developer, Ryan Companies, the architect, RNL, and land owner, David Kaye, on the progress of the project. Ms. McClafferty introduced Jay Tubbs from Ryan Companies to provide an update on the progress of the site.

Mr. Tubbs stated that they are in the process of acquiring a survey of the land and a soil report. He noted that the idea of a Charrette is being discussed. This Charrette will focus on the placement of the building on the site, the building massing, and various concepts. Rick Simonetta stated that subgrade development presents a cost issue. Mayor Berman asked the cost of the land. Mr. Tubbs replied that it is a package deal and the land is included in the building cost. Chair Cavanaugh thanked Mr. Tubbs for his update.

#### 4. Adjournment of the Building Lease Working Group

Mayor Manross moved to adjourn the Building Lease Working Group meeting. Frank Fairbanks seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

#### 5. Approval of the June 12, 2006 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Mayor Manross moved to approve the June 12, 2006 Executive Committee minutes. Councilmember Neely seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

#### 6. Desert Peaks Event

Denise McClafferty stated that the Desert Peaks Awards event is to honor individuals and partnerships that have demonstrate a commitment to regionalism. She noted that in October 2003, the MAG Regional Council approved restructuring the Desert Peaks Awards event. The past two events have been reception style and held at the Arizona Club. This years event was held on June 28, 2006. Ms. McClafferty reported that 29 nominations in five categories were received. She also noted that approximately 220 people attended the event. The total cost of the event, less the \$15,500 in sponsorship, was approximately \$18,000. This is approximately \$3,000 less than 2004 event.

Ms. McClafferty stated that surveys were distributed so that we could obtain feedback on the event. She noted that between the surveys (20 received) and general comments attendees enjoyed the food and networking, liked the displays and the awards, and thought the length of the program was appropriate. The surveys and comments also reflected that the room was not large enough and the temperature was very warm and uncomfortable. Ms. McClafferty noted that survey respondents appreciated the view, but the sun was in people's eyes and the lighting was bad for the PowerPoint presentation. There were also requests for assigned seating, specifically for award recipients. Ms. McClafferty noted that based on comments received, staff is recommending that other facilities be considered for the next Desert Peaks event and that seating is assigned for at least the award recipients.

Mayor Manross stated that she agreed with the comments and the recommendations. Councilmember Neely suggested the Phoenix Convention Center as a possible facility and provided a contact person. Chair Cavanaugh thanked Ms. McClafferty for the update.

#### 7. <u>Transportation Construction Challenges and Potential Policy Issues</u>

Dennis Smith stated that in March 2006, the Executive Committee met with the leadership of the other Arizona Councils of Governments to discuss growth challenges, including transportation issues. He reported that the group agreed on a follow-up meeting to be held in August at the League of Arizona Cities and Towns Annual Conference in Tucson. The Arizona COG Director's met on June 30<sup>th</sup> to discuss the topics to be addressed. Since the March meeting, the Arizona Chamber of Commerce sponsored the Arizona's Transportation Acceleration Summit that explored accelerating the highway system on a statewide basis. Mr. Smith noted that to consider accelerating transportation needs, several construction challenges and policy issues need to be addressed. He stated that the delivery of Proposition 400 is number one. He noted that there are issues in the Valley with cement, asphalt and rail, and that the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) currently has serious human resources issues. Mr. Smith noted that there is mutual concern regarding the gateway routes. Mayor Manross stated that even if we had additional funding sources, it would still be extremely difficult to move faster due to the shortages in material. Eric Anderson agreed that if the funding was available, we would still need the

necessary cement. He also noted that rail is a big issue, higher bids continue, as well as a shortage in supplies. Mr. Anderson stated that the Associated General Contractors (AGC) and ADOT are looking at clauses in construction contracts to adjust for higher or lower prices for certain materials. This type of clause would reduce the cost risk faced by contractors, and could result in more bidding competition and lower bids. Chair Cavanaugh asked what is the driver. Mr. Smith explained that I-17 by Anthem is in the 4<sup>th</sup> Phase and there is pressure from the business community to accelerate this project. He noted that even if the funding is available, it might be difficult to deliver because of the shortages in commodities. Chair Cavanaugh asked if this was something to discuss at the Council of Governments (COG) meetings. Mr. Smith replied that the COGs could discuss transportation issue as they relate to the state and connectivity between major areas, such as Maricopa, Pima and Pinal Counties. Eric Anderson addressed that ADOT has issues regarding their pay plan and resources. Also, ARS 28-7102 requires ADOT to acquire right-of-way for new freeway corridors within a 24-month period after adoption into the state highway system or the departments could face legal action for inverse condemnation. Mayor Manross stated that these issue should be presented at the League meeting. She expressed her concern about the process being followed. Mr. Smith noted the importance of following the Plan as it was unanimously voted on by committees and approved by the voters. He also noted that it also has a 20-Year Life Cycle Program. Councilmember Neely stated that she agrees that we need to stick to the Plan. She also noted the importance of finding the resources we need to do the job, such as staff at ADOT. Mayor Manross asked if appealing to the Legislature would help. She noted that we could work together to get the job done. Mr. Smith stated that there should be a strategy on who takes the lead. It would be better for cities to take the lead on right-of-way.

#### 8. River of Trade Corridor Coalition

Dennis Smith stated that the River of Trade Corridor Coalition's (ROTCC) goal is to examine ways to alleviate congestion while protecting and expanding the economic vitality of current roadways. He noted that MAG was invited to become a member of the ROTCC, which currently has more than 200 members spanning across nine states. Mr. Smith stated that ROTCC plans to work with the Federal Government to have the River of Trade Corridor identified as one of the three to five major growth corridors that will be established as part of the National Strategy and have the trade corridor designate as a Congressional High Priority Transportation Corridor. He noted that the problem is that the I-10 segment from Los Angeles to Phoenix to Texas is currently not designated as a high priority corridor. He added that MAG was requested to sponsor a ROTCC meeting that would potentially cost \$7,000. Mr. Smith stated that there is a ROTCC quarterly meeting in Irving, Texas, and suggested that a representative from this region attend. In addition, MAG could work with the Intergovernmental representatives to discuss the issues identified by the ROTCC with Arizona state and federal legislators.

Mayor Manross suggested that we wait until we learn more from this meeting before we make the decision to join or not. Chair Cavanaugh agreed and suggested that we put this item on the agenda for September. He also added that it could be a discussion topic for the COG meeting in August. Chair Cavanaugh thanked Dennis for the update.

10. <u>Amendment to the FY 2007 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget to Include</u>
Funding from the Governor's Office

This item was taken out of order. Amy St. Peter reported that on July 7, 2006, MAG was notified that the Governor's Office provided MAG \$43,825 in Innovative Grant funding to further the activities of the MAG Human Services Division. She noted that these funds will support the development and distribution of a resource list for youth about domestic violence as addressed in the FY 2007 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget. Ms. St. Peter thanked Mayor Manross for her help with the focus group. She stated that the Youth Empowerment Project (YEP) was developed on the basis of fourteen focus groups with more than 150 youth from across the Valley. Ms. St. Peter thanked the MAG Regional Domestic Violence Council and the MAG Human Service Coordinating Committee's Youth Policy Stakeholders Group for their joint effort.

Mayor Manross thanked MAG staff for their outstanding efforts on this project. She stated that she was impressed by the youth's eagerness to educated peers on the negative impact of domestic violence.

Mayor Manross moved to approve an amendment to the FY 2007 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget to include funding in the amount of \$43,825 from the Governor's office for the MAG Human Service Division. Mayor Steve Berman seconded, and the motion carried unanimously

#### 9. Adjournment

Mayor Cavanaugh moved to adjourn the Executive Committee meeting. Mayor Manross seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:20 p.m.

	Chair	
Secretary		

#### DATE:

September 8, 2006

#### **SUBJECT:**

Amendment of Valley Metro Rail Contract

#### **SUMMARY:**

The FY 2007 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget, approved by the Regional Council in May 2006, includes a work element to study the 58-mile light rail system configuration and how it will operate. Valley Metro Rail is responsible for this task. The MAG Travel Demand Model will be used to update the demand projections. A peer review of the model is being conducted in October 2006. Valley Metro Rail is requesting that the consultant who developed substantial parts of the model be involved in the peer review. This consultant would provide advice to Valley Metro Rail and MAG for any model refinements that may be recommended through the peer review process. It is proposed that the MAG contract with Valley Metro Rail be increased by \$15,000 to provide funding for the model consultant from PB Consult to participate in the peer review process. This item was recommended for approval by the Management Committee at the September 6, 2006 meeting.

#### **PUBLIC INPUT:**

No input has been received.

#### **PROS & CONS:**

PROS: The involvement of the model consultant from PB Consult in the peer review would insure that the reviewers are provided the best possible information as quickly as possible and that the MAG model continues to incorporate the latest refinements for modeling transit services.

CONS: None.

#### **TECHNICAL & POLICY IMPLICATIONS:**

TECHNICAL: The MAG Travel Demand Model is extremely complicated program that is used on a daily basis to provide forecasts for use by MAG member agencies. The model consultant from PB Consult will help prepare and present information about the model to the peer reviewers so they can determine if the model produces results that are state of the practice.

POLICY: The peer review will provide confidence to member agencies that the MAG travel demand model provides reliable estimates of demands on infrastructure and services.

#### **ACTION NEEDED:**

Approval to amend the Valley Metro Rail contract to increase the budget by \$15,000 to have the MAG Travel Demand Model consultant from PB Consult participate in the peer review process.

#### **PRIOR COMMITTEE ACTIONS:**

On September 6, 2006, the Management Committee recommended amending the Valley Metro Rail contract to increase the budget by \$15,000 to have the MAG Travel Demand Model consultant from PB Consult participate in the peer review process.

#### MEMBERS ATTENDING

Ed Beasley, Glendale, Chair Jan Dolan, Scottsdale, Vice Chair

- # George Hoffman, Apache Junction Charlie McClendon, Avondale Jeanine Guy, Buckeye
- \* Jon Pearson, Carefree
- Usama Abujbarah, Cave Creek Mark Pentz, Chandler Mark Fooks for B.J. Cornwall, El Mirage Alfonso Rodriguez for Orlando Moreno, Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation
- # Tim Pickering, Fountain Hills
- \* Lynn Farmer, Gila Bend
- \* Joseph Manuel, Gila River Indian Community George Pettit, Gilbert
- \* Stephen Cleveland, Goodyear Mark Johnson, Guadalupe

- Darryl Crossman, Litchfield Park Jim Huling for Christopher Brady, Mesa
- \* Tom Martinsen, Paradise Valley John Wendersky for Terry Ellis, Peoria Frank Fairbanks, Phoenix John Kross, Queen Creek
- Bryan Meyers, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community
   Jim Rumpeltes, Surprise
   Amber Wakeman for Will Manley, Tempe
- \* Reyes Medrano, Tolleson
- # Shane Dille, Wickenburg
  Lloyce Robinson, Youngtown
  Dale Buskirk for Victor Mendez, ADOT
  Mike Ellegood for David Smith,
  Maricopa County
  David Boggs, Valley Metro/RPTA
- Those members neither present nor represented by proxy.
- # Participated by telephone conference call.
- + Participated by videoconference call.

#### **CONTACT PERSON:**

Eric Anderson, (602) 254-6300

#### DATE:

September 8, 2006

#### SUBJECT:

Consultant Selection for the MAG Air Quality Technical Assistance On-Call Services Request for Qualifications

#### **SUMMARY:**

The FY 2007 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget includes potential consultant assistance for air quality planning and modeling activities. Consultant services may be needed to assist MAG in the preparation of the Five Percent Plan for PM-10 and Eight-Hour Ozone Plan due to the Environmental Protection Agency in 2007. A request for qualifications was advertised on July 2, 2006 for technical assistance in air quality modeling, conformity, and development of regional air quality plans.

Twelve proposals were received by the August 1, 2006 deadline. They were submitted by Countess Environmental, E.H. Pechan and Associates, Envair, ENVIRON, Environmental Quality Management, ICF International, Kleinfelder, MACTEC, Meszler Engineering Services, Sierra Research, Technical & Business Solutions, and Weston Solutions. A multi-jurisdictional Proposal Evaluation Team consisting of Arizona Department of Environmental Quality, Arizona Department of Transportation, the cities of Glendale, Mesa, and Phoenix, Maricopa County, and MAG staff reviewed the proposals on August 10, 2006. The consensus of the multi-jurisdictional evaluation team was to recommend to MAG that the following firms be qualified for the Air Quality Technical Assistance On-Call Services in selected areas of expertise: E.H. Pechan and Associates (for Air Quality Modeling Expertise), ENVIRON, Sierra Research, and Technical & Business Solutions.

#### **PUBLIC INPUT:**

No public input has been received.

#### **PROS & CONS:**

PROS: The procurement of on-call consultant services will enable MAG to obtain technical expertise in air quality modeling and plan development required for the MAG Five Percent Plan for PM-10 and Eight-Hour Ozone Plan for the nonattainment areas in Maricopa County.

CONS: None.

#### **TECHNICAL & POLICY IMPLICATIONS:**

TECHNICAL: The procurement of technical assistance will provide consultant expertise to MAG in several areas, including: analysis of control measures, air quality modeling, air quality monitoring and meteorology, implementation of control measures, surveys and emissions inventories, statistical analysis of data, remote sensing, air quality plan preparation, CMAQ evaluation methods, and transportation conformity.

POLICY: In July 2002, the Environmental Protection Agency published a final rule approving the Revised MAG 1999 Serious Area Particulate Plan for PM-10. The Revised MAG 1999 Serious Area Particulate Plan includes most stringent measures, a modeling attainment demonstration showing attainment of the standard no later than December 31, 2006, and a request to extend the attainment date from 2001 to 2006. The region is not expected to attain the standard in 2006 due to elevated monitor data recorded in late 2005 and early 2006. MAG is currently conducting the regional air quality modeling required for development of a MAG Five Percent Plan for PM-10 for the Maricopa County Nonattainment Area by December 31, 2007.

In addition, the Environmental Protection Agency published the final rule designating eight-hour ozone nonattainment areas, effective June 15, 2004. The eight-hour ozone nonattainment area in Maricopa and Pinal counties is classified under Subpart 1, referred to as "Basic" nonattainment, with an attainment date of June 15, 2009. MAG is currently conducting the regional air quality modeling required for development of a Eight-Hour Ozone Plan for the Maricopa County Nonattainment Area by June 15, 2007.

#### **ACTION NEEDED:**

Approve the following firms for Air Quality Technical Assistance On-Call Services for an amount not to exceed \$250,000: E.H. Pechan and Associates be qualified in Air Quality Modeling; ENVIRON be qualified in Analysis of Control Measures, Air Quality Modeling, Implementation of Control Measures, Statistical Analysis of Data, Remote Sensing, Air Quality Plan Preparation, CMAQ Evaluation Methods, and Transportation Conformity; Sierra Research be qualified in Analysis of Control Measures, Air Quality Modeling, Implementation of Control Measures, Surveys and Emissions Inventories, Statistical Analysis of Data, Air Quality Plan Preparation, CMAQ Evaluation Methods, and Transportation Conformity; and that Technical & Business Systems be qualified in Analysis of Control Measures, Air Quality Modeling, Air Quality Monitoring and Meteorology, Statistical Analysis of Data, Remote Sensing, and Air Quality Plan Preparation.

#### **PRIOR COMMITTEE ACTIONS:**

Management Committee: On September 6, 2006, the MAG Management Committee recommended approval of the following firms for the Air Quality Technical Assistance On-Call Services for an amount not to exceed \$250,000: E.H. Pechan and Associates be qualified in Air Quality Modeling; ENVIRON be qualified in Analysis of Control Measures, Air Quality Modeling, Implementation of Control Measures, Statistical Analysis of Data, Remote Sensing, Air Quality Plan Preparation, CMAQ Evaluation Methods, and Transportation Conformity; Sierra Research be qualified in Analysis of Control Measures, Air Quality Modeling, Implementation of Control Measures, Surveys and Emissions Inventories, Statistical Analysis of Data, Air Quality Plan Preparation, CMAQ Evaluation Methods, and Transportation Conformity; and that Technical & Business Systems be qualified in Analysis of Control Measures, Air Quality Modeling, Air Quality Monitoring and Meteorology, Statistical Analysis of Data, Remote Sensing, and Air Quality Plan Preparation.

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On August 10, 2006, a multi-jurisdictional Proposal Evaluation Team reviewed the proposals. The consensus of the multi-jurisdictional evaluation team was to recommend to MAG that the following firms be qualified for the Air Quality Technical Assistance On-Call Services in selected areas of expertise: E.H. Pechan and Associates be qualified in Air Quality Modeling; ENVIRON be qualified in Analysis of Control Measures, Air Quality Modeling, Implementation of Control Measures, Statistical Analysis of Data, Remote Sensing, Air Quality Plan Preparation, CMAQ Evaluation Methods, and Transportation Conformity; Sierra Research be qualified in Analysis of Control Measures, Air Quality Modeling, Implementation of Control Measures, Surveys and Emissions Inventories, Statistical Analysis of Data, Air Quality Plan Preparation, CMAQ Evaluation Methods, and Transportation Conformity; and that Technical & Business Systems be qualified in Analysis of Control Measures, Air Quality Modeling, Air Quality Monitoring and Meteorology, Statistical Analysis of Data, Remote Sensing, and Air Quality Plan Preparation.

#### **Proposal Evaluation Team**

Maricopa County: Jo Crumbaker City of Phoenix: Gaye Knight Arizona Department of Environmental Quality: Peter Hyde City of Mesa: Scott Bouchie

CONTACT PERSON: Dean Giles, MAG, (602) 254-6300. City of Glendale: Doug Kukino
Arizona Department of Transportation
Beverly Chenausky
MAG staff: Lindy Bauer, Cathy Arthur, and
Dean Giles

#### DATE:

September 8, 2006

#### **SUBJECT:**

Recommendations to the Arizona Department of Transportation for the FTA Elderly and Persons with Disabilities Transportation Program's Auxiliary Applications

#### **SUMMARY:**

On September 5, 2006, the MAG FTA Elderly and Persons with Disabilities Transportation (EPDT) Ad Hoc Committee ranked the auxiliary applications for the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5310 funding. The MAG Regional Council approved the Committee's rankings in April 2006 for the applications received during the regular cycle for 2006. The auxiliary applications are for additional vehicles that have been made available since that time.

Applications were due from the agencies on September 1, 2006. They need to be submitted to the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) by September 8, 2006. FTA provides these funds to ADOT for capital assistance to agencies and public bodies that provide transportation services for people who are elderly and for people who have a disability.

The ranking provided by MAG is considered by ADOT in determining which applicants are to be awarded. ADOT procures accessible and non-accessible passenger vans and ancillary equipment with these funds. The FTA provides 80 percent of the award cost, and the applicant provides a 20 percent match plus 2.5 percent to cover costs related to state program administration. Mainly accessible vehicles are available through this auxiliary application. Non-accessible vehicles may be requested but will likely not be awarded unless more are made available at a later date.

#### **PUBLIC INPUT:**

A public notice was published in *The Arizona Republic* on August 25, 2006. No public comments were received. A second public notice was published on September 7, 2006. No public comments have been received to date.

#### **PROS & CONS:**

PROS: These additional vans will help to meet increased need for human services transportation for elderly and people with disabilities.

CONS: Even with additional vans being available, the MAG region does not receive EPDT Program capital awards in relation to its population. Applicants continue to project growth in the number of people who will require special transportation.

#### **TECHNICAL & POLICY IMPLICATIONS:**

TECHNICAL: All awards meet requirements and inspection standards of federal laws and regulations including the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). ADOT takes care of the technical specifications, procures the equipment, and satisfies all inspection requirements before delivery. ADOT holds liens on vehicles for four years or 100,000 miles, whichever comes first.

POLICY: The Arizona Department of Transportation receives Elderly and Persons with Disabilities Transportation Program funds on a formula basis from the U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Transit Administration. STP funds are targeted at vehicle replacement needs in predominately rural areas, including rural areas of mostly urban counties such as Maricopa.

#### **ACTION NEEDED:**

Approve forwarding the priority listing of applicants for FTA Elderly and Persons with Disabilities Transportation Program to the Arizona Department of Transportation.

#### **PRIOR COMMITTEE ACTIONS:**

The MAG Management Committee met on September 6, 2006 and recommended forwarding the priority listing of applicants for FTA Elderly and Persons with Disabilities Transportation Program to the Arizona Department of Transportation.

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The MAG Ad Hoc Elderly and Persons with Disabilities Transportation Committee ranked the auxiliary applications on September 5, 2006.

#### **MEMBERS:**

Jim Rumpeltes, City of Surprise, Committee Chair Lorenzo Aguirre, City of El Mirage Terri Collins, RPTA Ken-Ichi Maruyama, Town of Gilbert Matt Dudley, City of Glendale Connie Fraijo, AZ Department of Economic Security Mitchell Foy, City of Mesa

#### **CONTACT PERSON:**

Amy St. Peter, MAG Human Services Manager, 602.254.6300

#### DATE:

September 8, 2006

#### **SUBJECT:**

Amendment to the FY 2007 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget to Shift Funding for Truck Classification Counts

#### **SUMMARY:**

The MAG FY 2007 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget includes a consultant projects for an Internal Truck Travel Survey (\$350,000) and an Arterial Traffic Volume Survey/Traffic Count Map (\$110,000). As part of the model development phase of the Truck Travel Survey, it will be advantageous to have an extensive set of vehicle classification counts for model validation. It has been determined that it would be most cost-effective to perform additional classification counts for this purpose as part of the Arterial Traffic Volume Survey/Traffic Count Map project. In order to perform the additional classification counts, it is proposed that \$10,000 be shifted from the Truck Travel Survey to the Arterial Traffic Volume Survey/Traffic Count Map. This would revise the total funding for these projects to \$340,000 and \$120,000, respectively. It is estimated that the \$10,000 will provide an additional 130 classification count sites for use in truck model development and other traffic forecasting purposes.

#### **PUBLIC INPUT:**

No public input has been received concerning the specific requested change.

#### **PROS AND CONS:**

PROS: Collecting additional classification counts through the Arterial Traffic Volume Survey/Traffic Count Map project will be a more cost-effective and efficient process.

CONS: The Internal Truck Travel Survey and the Arterial Traffic Volume Survey/Traffic Count Map will require closer coordination.

#### **TECHNICAL AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS:**

TECHNICAL: The additional classification counts will be useful in a number of truck travel volume analysis applications.

POLICY: A more effective truck travel modeling capability can improve decisions on transportation resource allocation.

#### **ACTION NEEDED:**

Approve amending the FY 2007 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget to shift \$10,000 from the to the Internal Truck Travel Survey to the Arterial Traffic Volume Survey/Traffic Count Map.

#### **PRIOR COMMITTEE ACTIONS:**

None.

#### **CONTACT PERSON:**

Ken Hall, MAG, 602 254-6300.

#### DATE:

September 8, 2006

#### **SUBJECT:**

Proposed Amendment to the FY 2007 Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget for the I-8/I-10 Hidden Valley Roadway Framework Study

#### **SUMMARY:**

A regional roadway framework study of the Interstates 8 and 10 - Hidden Valley area has been requested by the Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG), the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT), Maricopa County Department of Transportation (MCDOT), Pinal County Department of Public Works, the Cities of Goodyear and Maricopa, and the Town of Buckeye to assess the future demands for Interstates 8 and 10 in Western Maricopa and Pinal Counties. To accomplish this goal, the study is recommended to contain a regional roadway framework study for establishing connections with the Interstates, and other regional roadways, including the SR-303L/Estrella Freeway extension, SR-84, SR-85, SR-87, SR-238, SR-347, and SR-587. Recommendations from this study may be incorporated into future updates of the Regional Transportation Plan.

MAG has been asked to serve as the lead agency given the regional nature of this project. Project partners who are providing financial support include ADOT, MCDOT, Pinal County Department of Public Works, the Cities of Goodyear and Casa Grande, and the Town of Buckeye. The project is estimated to cost approximately \$770,000. MAG's proposed share of \$200,000 has been included in the FY2007 MAG Unified Planning Work Program.

An amendment to the FY 2007 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget is needed to increase the study budget by \$570,000, with the following agencies contributing to the study: Arizona Department of Transportation, \$100,000; Maricopa County Department of Transportation, \$200,000; Pinal County Public Works Department, \$150,000; Town of Buckeye, \$40,000; City of Goodyear, \$40,000; City of Maricopa, \$40,000. The increase will not require additional funds from MAG, and will be paid by the financial participation of the project partners identified above.

The project will receive oversight from a Study Review Team consisting of MAG, CAAG, ADOT, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), and the cities, Indian Communities and counties within the study area.

#### **PUBLIC INPUT:**

No public input has been received concerning the specific requested change.

#### **PROS AND CONS:**

PROS: A framework comprising regional connections and roadways will be established for this portion of the MAG region, where little transportation infrastructure is available. Recommendations from this project will guide development of the transportation infrastructure and protect the existing investments by MAG and ADOT. The project also represents a significant element for future updates of the Regional Transportation Plan.

CONS: Without a framework for regional connections and roadways, development of the Hidden Valley will proceed, and thereby strain the existing and future transportation infrastructure in this portion of the MAG region; especially Interstate 10, the region's primary commercial and freight corridor.

#### **TECHNICAL AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS:**

TECHNICAL: Planning in this portion of the region expands the urban transportation modeling area maintained by MAG (approximately 355th Avenue); this project's study boundary is recommended as 459th Avenue.

POLICY: Recommendations from this project will provide transportation planning guidance to MAG, ADOT, CAAG, FHWA, Maricopa County, Pinal County Department of Public Works, the Town of Buckeye, the Cities of Goodyear and Maricopa. The project will recommend regional connections and roadways to be included as part of the regional transportation planning process, and for possible incorporation into a future update of the Regional Transportation Plan.

#### **ACTION NEEDED:**

Approval of an amendment to the FY 2007 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget to increase the I-8/I-10 Hidden Valley Roadway Framework Study by \$570,000, with the following agencies contributing to the study: Arizona Department of Transportation, \$100,000; Maricopa County Department of Transportation, \$200,000; Pinal County Public Works Department, \$150,000; Town of Buckeye, \$40,000; City of Goodyear, \$40,000; City of Maricopa, \$40,000.

#### PRIOR COMMITTEE ACTIONS:

On September 6, 2006, the Management Committee recommended approval of an amendment to the FY 2007 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget to increase the I-8/I-10 Hidden Valley Roadway Framework Study by \$570,000, with the following agencies contributing to the study: Arizona Department of Transportation, \$100,000; Maricopa County Department of Transportation, \$200,000; Pinal County Public Works Department, \$150,000; Town of Buckeye, \$40,000; City of Goodyear, \$40,000; City of Maricopa, \$40,000.

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Transportation Review Committee: On August 24, 2006, the Transportation Review Committee was provided an overview of the study by MAG staff. The item was on the agenda for information and discussion.

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Maricopa County: Mike Ellegood, Chair ADOT: Bill Hayden for Dan Lance

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Buckeye: Thomas Chlebanowski for

Scott Lowe

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- \* Regional Bicycle Task Force: Randi Alcott
- \* Street Committee: Darryl Crossman
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Pedestrian Working Group: Eric Iwersen

\* ITS Committee: Alan Sanderson

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